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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 17, 2002 (Paper No. 8), Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

In The Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--By winding the string 28, or applying any other suitable securing means, about the body 12, the interior portions 26B of the ruffles 26 become bunched together toward the center 100 of the body 12. As a result of this bunching effect, a central portion 30 is formed.

